

transparent electrode surface has a periodic or aperiodic pattern of strips or grid made of metallic conductive material.

D2 5. (Three Times Amended) The electrochromic display element according to Claim 1, characterized in that both electrode surfaces have a periodic or aperiodic pattern of strips or grids made of metallic conductive material.

D3 7. (Three Times Amended) The electrochromic display element according to Claim 1, characterized in that the pattern of strips or grid made of metallic conductive material is aperiodic on at least one electrode.

Remarks / Arguments

As a result of this amendment, claims 1-13 are pending in the application. No new matter has been added.

In response to the examiner's questions relating to the correspondence between the figures and the claim language, the language employed in the original German claims has been reviewed and the language of present claim 1 has been revised to correspond more closely to the German original. Claims 5 and 7 have been amended for consistency.

The German original, shown in the corresponding PCT application, states that the electrochromic medium is contained between two "Elektrodenflächen". The English translation of this term in the present application was "electrode sheets", but it is deemed that the better translation is "electrode surfaces". This is confirmed by the English version of the abstract in the PCT application, which recites "electrode surfaces". In line 2 of claim 1, the language "in which" is the translation of the German "wobei", and refers to the display element, not the surfaces. Also, the German original states that at least one of the electrode surfaces is transparent and a transparent electrically conductive layer "aufweist". The latter word when technically used is a broad term meaning "shows", "contains", "has", etc. In the present claims, it means that the